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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING FLUORINE
CONTAINING ELASTOMERIC COPOLYMER
COMPOSITION

REPLY TO UNITY OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 5, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated August 5, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-15 have been subjected to a Unity of Invention Requirement as follows:

Group I, claims 1-7 and 10-14, drawn to a process for preparing a fluorine-containing elastomeric copolymer composition;

Group II, claims 8 and 9, which both ultimately depend from claim 1, drawn to embodiments within the scope of claim 1; and

- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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